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SUBJECT: SUDAN - IDENTIFYING "CREDIBLE VOICES" IN MUSLIM  
COMMUNITIES THAT REJECT VIOLENCE

REF: STATE 122288

Classified By: ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. REASON: 1.4 (C).

¶1. (S) Embassy Khartoum has identified a few &credible voices8 in Sudan,s Muslim community. The following information was requested in reftel:

¶2. (S) NAME: Tigani Hassan Al-Amin, chairman of the Center of Faith Research Center.

INFLUENCE: Al-Amin is known for his open-mindedness. His influence is limited to Sudanese audiences, particularly his university students and fellow academics, although he could potentially have a wider reach.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: DPOB 1930s, Debebat (South Kordofan State). Al-Amin is a veterinarian by training, obtaining degrees from the University of Khartoum and the U.K. in the 1960s and 1970s. He teaches biochemistry at the University of Khartoum, where he has also served as dean of students. He has served as minister for agriculture for Khartoum State in the late 1980s, as vice chancellor of University of Jazira (central Sudan) in the early 1990s, and as governor of North Darfur State in the mid-1990s. He interprets science in accordance with the Qur'an. He is a member of the Islamic Jurisprudence Council where he welcomed U.S. visiting speaker, Imam Wainwright in 2005. In 1979, he traveled to the United States as an International Visitor and Leadership Program grantee.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE INDIVIDUAL,S INFLUENCE: Sudan.

AUDIENCE THE INDIVIDUAL DOES/COULD INFLUENCE: University students and scholars, television audiences.

FORUMS USED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO EXERT INFLUENCE:

Universities, television. Al-Amin appears occasionally on Sudan Television and Blue Nile Television.

CREDIBILITY AND SUITABILITY: No known derogatory information.

Appears favorably disposed toward the U.S.

¶3. (S) NAME: Abdel Hai Yousif, imam of the Doaha Mosque in Jebra (Khartoum).

INFLUENCE: Yousif is a respected voice among Sudanese and could potentially have a wide reach.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: DPOB: Unknown, although believed to be in his 40s. Yousif studied in Saudi Arabia and teaches Islamic Jurisprudence at the University of Khartoum. Until about two years ago, he had a television show entitled &Al-Fatawa.8

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE INDIVIDUAL,S INFLUENCE: Sudan.

AUDIENCE THE INDIVIDUAL DOES/COULD INFLUENCE: Scholars and students, and potentially a broader audience spanning both the younger and older generation.

FORUMS USED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO EXERT INFLUENCE: Television, radio, universities, mosques.

CREDIBILITY AND SUITABILITY: No known derogatory information.

Appears favorably disposed toward the U.S.

¶4. (S) NAME: Mohamed Hassan Mohamed Al-Fatih Gariballa,

leader of the Sammanyia (Sufi) sect.

INFLUENCE: Gariballa,s influence is limited to followers of the Sammanyia sect.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: DPOB 01/25/65, Edinburgh, U.K. Gariballa has led the Sammaniya sect since 2005. He holds a bachelor,s degree in international law from the University of Fez (Morocco), and teaches Islamic Jurisprudence at the Gariballa Mosque. He spent five years in the U.K. where he studied English and worked as a translator. As leader of the Sammaniya sect and various charities, he has traveled frequently to the U.K. and Nigeria. In June 2006, he traveled to the United States as an International Visitor and Leadership Program grantee (&U.S. Political Process for Emerging Muslim Leaders.8)

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE INDIVIDUAL,S INFLUENCE: Sudan.

AUDIENCE THE INDIVIDUAL DOES/COULD INFLUENCE: Sammanyia adherents and the generation of younger Sudanese.

FORUMS USED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO EXERT INFLUENCE: Mosques.

CREDIBILITY AND SUITABILITY: No known derogatory information.

Appears favorably disposed toward the U.S.

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